



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, we are a nation of immigrants, made up of diverse people; and

WHEREAS, during WWII 80,000 Japanese Americans were incarcerated in internment camps against their will; and

WHEREAS, 10,000 of the total 120,000 civilians of Japanese descent were incarcerated in an internment camp called Minidoka or "Hunt", in Jerome County, Idaho; and

WHEREAS, 1,000 Japanese American men from the Minidoka camp volunteered and fought for the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Minidoka had the highest enlistment rate and highest casualty rate of all ten major internment camps in the United States; and

WHEREAS, volunteers from Minidoka were part of the segregated units, known as the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and 100th Battalion during WWII and highly distinguished themselves in combat; and

WHEREAS, Japanese Americans in our communities have continued to contribute to our society and have distinguished themselves in all walks of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 19, 2002 to be

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

in Idaho, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the internment camps and as a time to reflect on the need for tolerance, especially in times of national emergency and war.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne".

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pete T. Cenarrusa".

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE